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Subject: Microsoft Decision

Please realize that allowing Microsoft to continue its business practices (current and past) is extremely dangerous and unfair. I have been involved with computers for over 18 years, and I have observed Microsoft's business practices. Although it may seem that Microsoft's innovation is the main reason for their dominance, but there is little that Microsoft has innovated. The company has used its size and deep pockets to overpower smaller companies. By protecting Microsoft, there is a risk that the industry will become stagnant. The prospect of putting all the eggs in one basket in the computer industry is extremely dangerous, especially with the security track record that Microsoft has. Even the use of a single OS in an organization can spell disaster should there be a major casualty. Due to the advances in cross platform compatibility, heterogeneous systems should be used to exploit each platforms strengths.

Please consider the consequences of your actions by letting Microsoft off the hook. The computer industry understands real well the dangers of giving too much leeway to Microsoft. The full impact should be considered before Microsoft is allowed to continue unchecked.

Sincerely

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